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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7549

BILL NUMBER: HB 1557

DATE PREPARED: Jan 15, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Minimum standards for bloodborne pathogens.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the State Department of Health (SDOH) to adopt minimum standards for use by certain health care employers of needleless systems and engineered sharps injury protection to protect employees from occupational injuries that may transmit bloodborne disease. The bill provides that the health care employers establish evaluation committees composed of front line health care workers to evaluate use of needleless systems and engineered sharps injury protection by the employer. It requires the State Department to maintain a list of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection to assist employers in complying with the minimum standards.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: It is estimated that the SDOH will need to hire one additional employee to comply with the requirements of this bill. The estimated cost of salary, fringe benefits, and indirect costs for this position is \$41,054 in FY 2000 and \$40,882 in FY 2001. It is also estimated that the cost of printing and distributing the standards will be \$50,000. The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. The December 31, 1998, manning table shows the SDOH with 98 vacant positions. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Norma Selby, State Department of Health, 233-7573.